DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, since filaria is also prevalent in South Malabar which is nearby, will the Government take preventive measures there as well? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are considering a number of anti-filariasis schemes in connexion with the next Budget."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know what is the percentage of incidence of filaria in Cannanore and Baliapatnam? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, please."

Promotions to Senior Telugu Pandits in secondary schools.

* 192 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Government Order has been passed to the effect that Senior Telugu Pandits (in secondary schools) holding Oriental Titles should pass the S.S.L.C. Examination in order that they may be promoted from the Lower Grade into Grade I; and

(*b*) if so, for what reason?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes. These qualifications were prescribed in 1948 and they apply to Pandits in all languages.

" (*b*) The Government consider that without the prescribed minimum educational qualification it will not be possible for the Pandits to handle high school classes."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" తెలుగు సీనియర్ పండితులలో చాలామంది వయోవృద్ధులనే విషయం మంత్రిగారికి తెలియనిది కాదు. కాబట్టి అట్టివారు S.S.L.C. Examination pass కావాలనే నిబంధన లేకుండా ప్రత్యేకంగా ఏర్పాట్లు చేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, as a matter of fact, Pandits with over fifteen years experience on the date of the promulgation of this Government Order were given the First Grade without passing the S.S.L.C. examination. It is only the subsequent entrants that are affected."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" అధ్యక్షా ఈ తెలుగు పండితులు తెలుగు కాక ఇంగ్లీషు హిస్టరీ మొదలైన ఇతర విషయాలు కూడా విద్యార్థులకు బోధించవలసి ఉన్నదా? లేనిచో తెలుగు పాఠాలను బోధించుటకు ఓరియంటల్ టైటిల్సు Oriental Titles చాలవా"? S.S.L.C. పరీక్ష అంత అవసరమా ? అని అడుగుచున్నాను."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, it is considered necessary to-day that even the language Pandits should have some general knowledge."

11-20 a.m. SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" మంత్రిగారు ఇచ్చిన సమాధానాలను బట్టి S.S.L.C. చదివి, ఇంగ్లీషు భాషా పరిజ్ఞానం సంపాదించుకొంటేనే అర్హత ఉన్నట్లు, ఇతర భాషలు చదువుకొని పెద్ద పరీక్షల్లో కృతార్థులైనప్పటికి తెలుగు బోధించుటకు అర్హత కలుగదని వారి తాత్పర్యమా ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I may also state that Pandits have to do some translation work also and this requires some general knowledge."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, is general knowledge equated with S.S.L.C. for persons who hold First Class Degrees in their languages? Has the Hon. Minister received similar representations from all the 24 or 25 districts? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Some standard has to be laid down for general knowledge and the minimum standard that was laid down was the S.S.L.C. standard."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to relax the rules, at least temporarily, in view of shortage of language Pandits in secondary schools? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" In the interest of maintaining standards, I am afraid, we have to adhere to the present position."

Proposal for organizing a Co-operative Motor Transport Society at Cuddapah.

* 193 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the reasons for dropping the proposal for organizing a Co-operative Motor Transport Society at Cuddapah?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The proposal for the organization of a Co-operative Motor Transport Society for Ex-Servicemen at Cuddapah has not been dropped. It is under investigation."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how long will it take for the Government to organize the society? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, we have got to find out (1) whether the ex-servicemen are willing to pay the share capital; (2) whether there are enough technical personnel among the applicants; (3) whether it is possible to obtain route permits for the vehicles ; (4) whether the society can withstand competition ; and (5) whether the Disposals Directorate can give them vehicles? It is difficult for me to say how long it will take to fulfil these conditions."